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HONORING JOSEPH PAUL HOMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Paul Homan. Joseph is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 312, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joseph has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joseph has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and a four-year Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship to the University of Missouri-Columbia. Joseph has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Joseph planted landscaping, painted fire lanes and refurbished the flag pole at Lutheran High School of Kansas City, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph Paul Homan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SILVETTE WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Silvette Women's Golf Club of Staten Island on their 75th Anniversary and to recognize this organization as the oldest women's golf club in the State of New York.

On Staten Island in 1935, a group of women came together to form their own golf club. The Silvettes became pioneers in the field of women's golf because they formed the first public women's golf club not associated with a country club. These women played weekly tournaments at the Staten Island-Silver Lake Golf Course and the Latourette Golf Course. Combining the names of the two courses, this group became known as the Silvette Women's Golf Club. The club played their first tournament on May 4, 1938 at the Silver Lake Golf Course.

During the late 1930s and the 1940s, the Silvettes continued to grow as an organization. The Silvettes established an executive board and supported the war effort during World War II by giving out Defense Stamps as prizes. The club has also held many tournaments and events to support various charities.

The Silvettes are very active in Islandwide Golf Tournaments. The Silvettes frequently play against six other women's golf clubs on Staten Island. The club also plays interclub

matches against New Jersey and Brooklyn clubs.

In 1968, as a result of overcrowding at the Silver Lake Golf Course, the Silvettes moved to their current home at the South Shore Country Club in the Huguenot area of Staten Island.

I would like to take this time to give special recognition to two members of the Silvette Women's Golf Club. Helen Sangiorgio, the former club president and current publicity chairlady, and Elissa Barry, the current club president, have worked tirelessly for many years to ensure the club continues to grow and prosper. The dedication of these women to the club is representative of their love for the game of golf and for their love of Staten Island.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Silvette Women's Golf Club on their 75th Anniversary and on the distinction of being the oldest women's golf club in the State of New York.

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR: WHY PEACE MATTERS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War and the fifty-seventh anniversary of the signing of the July 1953 Armistice Agreement. The Korean War cost the lives of over 4 million people and a lasting peace remains elusive. The people on the Korean peninsula continue to suffer as they are caught in the midst of a perpetual state of war and heightened tension. Families are divided and they are left voiceless.

The recent sinking of the Republic of Korea Ship (ROKS) *Cheonan* in May and the subsequent announcement that North Korea was severing all relations with South Korea is a symptom of a failed policy in the region. It highlights the need for a permanent peace settlement and for diplomatic efforts to bring North and South Korea to such a settlement.

Following the sinking of the ROKS *Cheonan*, officials in the Administration vowed that the attack would not go unanswered. After 60 years, the United States has failed to establish formal diplomatic channels with North Korea that would be vital in diffusing such crises.

The United States spends over one billion dollars per year to maintain its military presence in South Korea. At a time when millions of Americans are out of work and are struggling to pay their bills, one billion dollars per year is needlessly poured into further militarizing the Korean peninsula. There are debates in Washington over how we are going to pay for unemployment benefits. Yet no one asks how we are going to pay to maintain hundreds of U.S. military bases around the world. No one questions the costs to U.S. taxpayers or the Korean people.

I believe strongly in the power and necessity of diplomacy. The United States has a responsibility to utilize its unique role as an ally of South Korea to bring the nation closer to resolution with North Korea.

The Administration can better express support for the people of the Republic of Korea by recommitting to promoting dialogue between the two nations. The expression of support for a possible military response to North Korea's actions can only serve to heighten the likelihood of a military confrontation. Military action in retaliation to North Korea's attack on the South Korean ship can only result in the further loss of life.

Further militarization in the region can have adverse effects on U.S. national security and our support of a military response to North Korea can only undermine future prospects of peace. Further isolating North Korea from South Korea and the international community does not serve the interest of any country truly dedicated to regional stability. Let us use this somber anniversary to work toward peace and facilitate a lasting peace settlement between North and South Korea.

HONORING KEVIN HADLEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Hadley. Kevin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 447, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges and contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project, but also earned the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Hadley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING STATE POLICE MAJOR J.R. HANKINS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Arkansas State Police Major J.R. Hankins for his promotion to the rank of major by the Arkansas State Police Commission.

Having served in several capacities for the Arkansas State Police, in areas all over the state for more than 30 years, Major Hankins has dedicated and sacrificed his life to make Arkansas safer.

Most recently, Major Hankins served as commander of Troop J headquartered in Clarksville. Earning the promotion of major earlier this year, he has taken on new duties as commander of the Highway Patrol Division for the eastern region of Arkansas. This region includes cities such as Little Rock, Jonesboro, Newport, Forrest City, Pine Bluff and Warren.